

faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas with relatively high employment intensity. Several Centrally sponsored/Central Sector special employment programmes are also being implemented by the Government, important among which are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and the Two Million Jobs Scheme of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Accordingly, the unemployment rate which was estimated to be around 3.77% during 1987-88 came down to 2.50% during 1993-94. It is expected that the strategy of employment intensive growth will be continued during the ensuing Ninth Five Year Plan also (2002).

Development of Bateshwar

2202. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had sanctioned Rs. 44 lakhs during the year 1992-93 for developing a religious shrine Bateshwar near Agra which is also important from tourism point of view;

(b) if so, whether the full amount has been utilised for the development of this areas;

(c) if so, the item-wise break up of the expenditure incurred;

(d) whether this area was declared a tourist place by the Union Government during 1995-96;

(e) if so, the schemes formulated by the Union Government for this purpose;

(f) whether the Union Government have received a scheme from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the development of this area; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (g) The Central Department of Tourism has not sanctioned Rs. 44.00 lakhs during the year 1992-93 for developing a religious shrine at Bateshwar near Agra. However, three projects subsequently were sanctioned for Bateshwar, namely:-

(1) Renovation/restoration of Ghat on the bank of river Yamuna - Rs. 13.24 lakhs.

(2) Tourist Lodge at Bateshwar - Rs. 13.95 lakhs.

(3) Two Sulabh Shauchalyas to provide toilet facilities - Rs. 6.76 lakhs.

The implementation of projects is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Governments. These projects are at various stages of completion by the State Government.

Post Offices in Rajasthan

2203. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices and sub-post offices functioning at present in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;

(b) whether these post offices are inadequate in view of the population of the above states;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the number of post offices of each category;

(d) if so, the number of post offices proposed to be opened in the above states, in each category; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Total number of Post Offices and Sub Post Offices functioning at present in Rajasthan and Maharashtra is given below:

	Total number of Post Offices including Sub Post Offices	Total number of Sub Post Offices
Rajasthan	10,306	1392
Maharashtra	12,303	2087

(b) The average population served per Post Office in Rajasthan & Maharashtra is 4276 & 6417 persons respectively as against the national average of 5517 persons per Post Office. During the 8th Five Year Plan, 26 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 104 Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices in Rajasthan and 61 Departmental Sub Post Offices and 172 Extra-Departmental Post Offices in Maharashtra, have been sanctioned.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to open 7 Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices and 19 Departmental Sub Post Offices in Maharashtra and 4 Departmental Sub Post Offices in Rajasthan by March, 31, 1997.

[English]

Introduction of Trains Between Andal-Sainthia Section

2204. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand to run more trains in Andal- Sainthia section;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for running more trains on Andal-Sainthia section, including from Shri Basudeb